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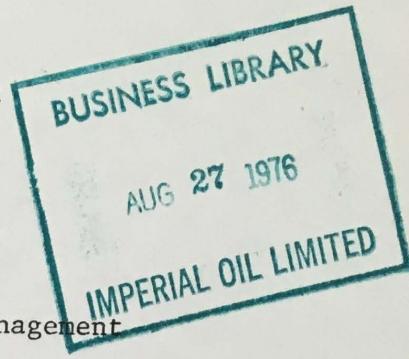
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FOR YOUR INFORMATION, ESSO EASTERN TODAY ISSUED THE FOLLOWING ANNOUNCEMENT

INTERNAL ONLY STOP IT IS UNDERSTOOD THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA WAS TO HAVE PUBLICLY RELEASED THIS SAME INFORMATION TODAY QUOTE ESSO EASTERN INC AND THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA HAVE COME TO AN AGREEMENT WHEREBY THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA WILL ACQUIRE ESSO'S 26 PERCENT HOLDING IN THE HINDUSTAN PETROLEUM CORPORATION LTD EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1 STOP THIS IS THE CULMINATION OF AN AGREEMENT SIGNED IN MARCH 1974 WHEN THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA ACQUIRED 74 PERCENT EQUITY PARTICIPATION IN ALL OF ESSO'S BUSINESS INTERESTS / IN THAT COUNTRY / STOP THE ORIGINAL AGREEMENT CALLED FOR ACQUISITION OF THE REMAINING 26 PERCENT EQUITY INTEREST BEFORE 1981 UNQUOTE